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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Command Safety Philosophy (CG/CofS Policy Statement #0-7)

- 1. As the senior safety officer of this command, my responsibility is to provide an environment in which every soldier and civilian can accomplish his or her mission safely.
- 2. Commanders and directors are the safety officers of their organizations and are responsible for creating a values based foundation for a safe environment within their organization. This foundation must be incorporated at every level of the work force. You must identify hazards, take measures to reduce or eliminate those hazards, and accept risks only when the benefits outweigh the potential losses.
- 3. All leaders are charged with the responsibility to check, inspect, supervise, and lead soldiers to mission accomplishment and to take appropriate measures to prevent accidents and injuries. All leaders are also charged to train soldiers to operate safely, on or off duty, when not under the direct supervision of their leaders.
- 4. Discipline is the most essential ingredient in the United States Army Alaska (USARAK) safety philosophy. It is the cornerstone of good leadership. It involves training to standard, following procedures, and correcting improper behavior on the spot.
- 5. There are inherent risks associated with all military operations; however, accidents are often preventable through the application of risk management, discipline, and sound leadership decision making.
- 6. Safety is a force-multiplier that applies to everything we do. Safety is the result of doing the right thing, the right way. Commanders will personally ensure a viable risk management process is instituted in their units and will continually check on how their units are safely executing their mission.

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